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Organization

Moderator

Alfred C. Knight

Prudential Committee

Walter C. Scudder, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Robert F. Hayden	Term expires 1957
Joseph H. Beecher	Term expires 1958

Clerk

F. Maynard Gifford

Treasurer

Herbert L. Snow

Board of Water Commissioners

William G. Ball, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Kenneth Turner	Term expires 1958
Thomas Rennie	Term expires 1957

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief

Robert O. Dottridge

First Assistant Engineer	Antone R. Souza
Second Assistant Engineer	F. Maynard Gifford

Auditors

Bertram F. Ryder	Udell Perry	Theron Apollonio
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Auditor's Report

To the Voters of the Cotuit Fire District:

We submit herewith a letter from Mr. Herman B. Dine, Director of Accounts, reporting of an audit of the District's books as made by the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTRAM F. RYDER
UDELL PERRY
THERON APOLLONIO

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Bureau of Accounts
State House, Boston 33

March 23, 1955

To the Board of Water Commissioners
and the Prudential Committee
Cotuit Fire District
Cotuit, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the period from April 20, 1954 to February 21, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Cotuit Fire District for the period from April 20, 1954, the date of the previous examination, to February 21, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and the payments were compared with the approved orders on file. The cash book additions were proved, and the cash balance on February 21, 1955 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank in which district funds are deposited.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on February 21, 1955.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The taxes and charges for water rates and services outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments of taxes and water charges, were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's records of receipts, the abatements were checked with the records of the departments authorized to grant such credits, and the outstanding accounts were proved.

In order to verify the correctness of the outstanding water rates and services, notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Charges against appropriations were checked and the appropriations as entered were compared with the district clerk's record of district meetings.

The surety bonds of the officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are schedules showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax, tax title, and water accounts.

For the cooperation received from the district officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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Annual Report of Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

February 14, 1955

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, February 14 at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order.

Article 1. Alfred C. Knight was unanimously chosen Moderator for one year.

Article 2. The following were nominated and elected with one vote being cast for each:

Joseph H. Beecher, member of the Prudential Committee for three years

Kenneth Turner, Member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., Clerk

Herbert L. Snow, Treasurer

Robert O. Dottridge, Chief Engineer

Antone R. Souza, 1st. Assistant Engineer

F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., 2nd. Assistant Engineer

Bertram F. Ryder, Udell Perry, Theron Apollonio,
Auditors.

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to

renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, General Laws."

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Unanimously Voted: "That the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, General Laws."

Article 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District accept the reports of the officers of the district as printed."

Article 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the District for the fiscal years of 1954 and 1955."

Article 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the article be indefinitely postponed."

Article 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100. for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year and that the moderator be paid the sum of \$20. for his services."

Article 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3840. for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year."

Article 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for the maintenance of the Cotuit Public Library."

Article 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$261.77 to pay the annual assessment to the Barnstable County Retirement System."

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600. for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year."

Article 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2791. for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year."

Article 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000. for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year."

Article 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the water department:

- (a) \$ 1,400.—for interest on water bonds and notes
- (b) \$ 2,500.—for the water dept. for new services
- (c) \$14,080.—for the operating and maintenance of the water department
- (d) \$ 1,000.—for the water dept. for extensions.

That the District appropriate from the water department balance:

- (a) \$1250.—for a new truck and the old truck in trade
- (b) \$1250.—to apply as part of the cost of painting the inside of the elevated tank."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the water commissioners be requested to provide adequate compensation for the superintendent of the water department."

Article 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$350. for the purchase of fire hose."

Article 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$700. for the purchase and installation of a siren for the fire alarm system."

Article 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for the purchase of an auxiliary generator for the fire station."

Article 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for the purchase of a two-way radio for the fire department." Thirty-three voted in favor and eighteen in the negative.

Article 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$54. for additional street lights in the Highground section."

Article 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the District authorize the Prudential Committee to lease to the Town of Barnstable for a public parking area for a term of five years, with an option to renew such lease for another term of five years at the expiration thereof, paying rent therefor the sum of \$1. per term, a parcel of land in the village of Cotuit bounded and described as follows: On the West by Main Street 56 ft., on

the north by land of the Cotuit Fire District 152 ft., on the east by land now or formerly of Ellery L. Jones 56 ft., and on the south by land of Mariners Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 152 ft.”

Article 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: “That the District apply the amount of \$11,118.78 of free cash towards the tax levy of 1955.”

Report of the Committee appointed at a meeting of the
COTUIT - SANTUIT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Held on January 13, 1955

To Study the Kirkman Legacy and Report to the
Cotuit Fire District Meeting

At the beginning of this report we quote from the will of the late Mrs. Kirkman—

Eleventh Clause

“All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal, of whatever the same may consist and wheresoever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to the Town of Barnstable in the County of Barnstable, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be placed in an endowment fund to be known as the ‘SIDNEY A. KIRKMAN and MARY LEWIS KIRKMAN FUND’ for the maintenance and beautification of that portion only of the COTUIT CEMETERY to the improvement of which my late husband, SIDNEY A. KIRKMAN, and I have heretofore contributed.”

At the first meeting of this Committee we found ourselves handicapped by lack of definite information concerning the estate and so sought a conference with the Selectmen. At this conference with the Selectmen this Committee was informed—

1st. Of their desire to comply with the wishes of Cotuit residents so far as they can within the scope of the will.

2nd. While they have been told informally by the executor of the will that the residue might amount to about one and a half million dollars, they have not received an appraisal or inventory of the estate or information as to expenses, etc., so they have no definite formal notice of the amount the town will receive.

3rd. Neither do they know when the legacy will be paid over.

4th. When it comes it will be turned over to the Treasurer of the town for custody, safekeeping and investment as prescribed by law with the approval of the Selectmen.

5th. This will be handled like other trust funds of the town and no accounting need be made to any probate court but the accounts will be examined by State officers periodically as prescribed by law.

6th. Inquiry was made of Town Counsel by selectmen whether another man or two (residents of Cotuit) could be legally appointed to share with the selectmen responsibility for the care of the Fund and disbursement of income. At the time this report was written no response to this inquiry had been received.

7th. That any expenditure of income from this fund, outside the strict purpose set forth in the will, would first have to be approved by the probate court.

In view of these circumstances it seems to this committee premature to consider now any other potential uses of the income from this trust. At a special Town Meeting held June 2, 1954 it was voted to accept the bequest to the Town of Barnstable U/W/O Mary Lewis Kirkman and authorize the selectmen to act for the town in all matters in connection therewith until the next Annual Town Meeting. We understand a motion will be offered in the forthcoming Town Meeting to continue the authorization to the selectmen. This committee recommends adoption of such a motion.

This Committee is uncertain whether the most comprehensive views of the residents of the village can be expressed by action of the Fire District or by action of the Civic Association and accordingly we suggest the matter be brought before the annual meeting of the Civic association when it can be expected summer residents as well as year-round residents will be represented.

P.S. Thinking it premature, we have not considered the \$64. question: whether and when the Kirkman place (Bluff Point) should be sold. But this question must be answered sooner or later.

RICHARD H. RYDER

WALTER C. SCUDDER

ROGER A. BURLINGAME

ERNEST O. DOTTRIDGE, JR.

RICHARD PIGEON

Article 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "That the committee appointed by the Cotuit-Santuit Association be appointed by the District, that its report be included in the records of the meeting, and that the committee be continued to represent the District."

The following resolution was presented, discussed, and accepted by vote:

“Be IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen should be authorized and empowered, in their sole discretion, to adopt any procedure or procedures deemed by them to be advantageous in disposing of buildings, plants, and personal property on the former Kirkman estate at Bluff Point, in the village of Cotuit, provided that the beach area at Bluff Point be preserved as a permanent memorial to the public spirit of Sidney A. and Mary L. Kirkman, for the exclusive use and benefit of the citizens and residents of the Town of Barnstable.”

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: “To adjourn.”

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

This meeting:

To be raised and appropriated	\$17,946.77
Appropriated from water department	21,480.00
Free Cash applied toward tax levy	11,118.78

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

June 15, 1955

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the Special Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Wednesday, June 15, 1955 at 8 o'clock P.M. and the moderator called the meeting to order. Over thirty-five voters were present and the clerk read the warrant and the return of same.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: “That the District raise and appropriate to the Fire Department the sum of two thousand dollars to purchase, equip, and maintain a rescue vehicle and authorize the Board of Engineers to establish rules and regulations regarding the use thereof.”

Article 2. The following resolution was offered and it was unanimously Voted: "That it is the consensus of the meeting that the Prudential Committee be requested to take the necessary steps to preserve the curtain on the Freedom Hall stage."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: "To adjourn."

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District.

This Meeting:

Raised and appropriated \$2,000.00

SPECIAL MEETING—COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT

November 7, 1955

In accordance with the foregoing notice and the by-laws of the District, the Special Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held in Freedom Hall on Monday, November 7, 1955 at 8 o'clock P.M. and the clerk called the meeting to order. About fifty voters were present and the clerk read the return of warrant.

Mr. Calvin D. Crawford was unanimously chosen moderator.

Article 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District borrow and appropriate to the water department:

(a) \$5,000. for a proposed 6-inch water pipe extension on Old Oyster Road to serve the proposed elementary school subject to a 10% guarantee for ten years and to the rules and regulations of the water department.

(b) \$1,500. for a 6-inch service connection to said school, provided that all moneys received by way of guarantee and reimbursement shall be applied to the reduction of the District tax rate, and that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow said sums, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within five years in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 8, General Laws."

(An amendment offered to eliminate "Old Oyster Road" from the motion was defeated.)

Article 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District borrow and appropriate to the water department the sum of \$2,500. for a proposed 6-inch water pipe extension on Grove Street subject to a 50% cost guarantee and to the rules and regulations of the water department provided that all moneys received by way of reimbursement shall be applied to the reduction of the District tax rate, and that the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, be authorized to borrow said sum, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within five years in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 8, General Laws."

Article 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "That the District appropriate to the fire department from available funds the sum of \$540.05 for civilian defense purposes."

Article 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted: "to adjourn."

F. MAYNARD GIFFORD, JR.
Clerk, Cotuit Fire District

This Meeting:

Borrow and appropriate	\$9,000.00
From available funds	540.05

Report of Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1955

Receipts

Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1955	\$24,809.41	
Tax Collector	14,113.10	
Water Department	15,400.71	
Freedom Hall	426.00	
Fire Taxes Returned	10.17	
Hurricane Reimbursements	581.46	
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Total receipts		\$55,340.85

Expenditures

Water Department	\$18,813.38	
Fire Department	3,825.17	
Freedom Hall	1,325.30	
Financial Department	982.02	
Street Lights	2,742.80	
Notes and Bonds	6,000.00	
Barnstable County Retirement System	261.77	
Cotuit Public Library	250.00	
Hose	350.00	
Siren	698.37	
Radio	499.70	
Auxiliary Generator	448.05	
Auditing	340.47	
Rescue Vehicle	1,989.72	
Special Fire Dept. Appropriation	540.05	
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Total expenditures		39,066.80
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Cash Balance December 31, 1955		\$16,274.05

Financial Condition of District

Cash Balance in Hyannis Trust Co.	\$16,274.05	
Water Bonds		\$32,500.00
Additional Water Supply Notes		17,500.00

Valuation of District

Real Estate	\$3,425,390.00	
Personal	390,490.00	
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Total valuation of District		\$3,815,880.00
Tax Rate 1955—\$3.80 per \$1,000.00		

Financial Department Expense in Detail

Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Printing and advertising	\$225.67	
Postage	11.24	
Tax Collector's Salary	38.76	
Assessors' Salaries	87.24	
Taxes Refunded	69.11	
Treasurer's Bond	30.00	
Moderator	20.00	
Clerk's Salary	150.00	
Treasurer's Salary	350.00	
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Total	\$982.02	
Balance to Revenue	117.98	
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		\$1,100.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SNOW,
Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash	\$16,274.05
Accounts Receivable	
Taxes	\$1,371.17
Water	313.57
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	\$17,958.79

RESERVES

Unclaimed checks	\$ 9.00
Accounts Receivable reserve	1,684.74
Water Dept. balance	6,668.94
Reserve Fund—Overlay surplus	3,899.80
Overlay 1955 balance	615.68
Free Cash	5,080.63
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	\$17,958.79

Debt Accounts

Net funded or fixed debt	\$50,000.00
Additional Water Supply	11,000.00
Water Main Extensions	9,000.00
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	\$50,000.00
	11,000.00
	9,000.00

Report of Board of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Board of Water Commissioners submits herewith its nineteenth Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

At the Annual Fire District Meeting held February 14, 1955, Commissioner Kenneth Turner was re-elected for a term of three years.

There has been an increase of 30% in the amount of water pumped in 1955 over 1954 and an increase of 48% in the largest day's pumping required. Peak demand during several short periods last summer, far exceeded our pumping capacity, thus drawing down our 200,000 gallon storage tank to a dangerously low level, should a fire occur. In order to meet the future increased demand for water during these summer peak periods and to gain certain operational advantages, your Board recommends the erection of a second elevated storage tank of at least 200,000 gallons capacity, on a site to be determined by an engineering survey.

Starting January 1, 1956, water used in excess of the 40,000 gallon yearly minimum allowance, will be charged for at the rate of 40c per 1,000 gallons regardless of the amount used, in order to bring our rates in line with those of other Districts and also nearer to our actual cost of operation.

Fifteen new services were added this year. We now have 437 services of which nine are inactive.

Record of Water Pumped

Total pumped with main station	44,994,000 gals.
Total pumped with sub-station	13,266,300 gals.
Total	58,260,300 gals.
Largest week August 1 to August 7	5,289,400 gals.
Largest day August 4	891,000 gals.

Receipts

Water	\$13,656.89	
Meter Rental	540.50	
Service Connections	1,183.05	
Toll calls, other	20.27	
	\$15,400.71	

Accounts Receivable

Water and meter rental	\$313.57
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Expenditures

Regular Appropriations:			
	Expended	Appropriated	Balance
Interest	\$1,223.13	\$1,400.00	\$ 176.87
Service Connections	1,666.10	2,500.00	833.90
Extensions	None	1,000.00	1,000.00
Maintenance	13,867.31	16,580.00	2,712.69
Special Appropriations:			
Additional Water			
Supply	\$25,177.13	\$36,000.00	\$10,822.87
Old Oyster Road			
Extension	926.61	5,000.00	4,073.39
Grove Street Extension	336.08	2,500.00	2,163.92
School House Service	214.15	1,500.00	1,285.85

Maintenance in Detail

Superintendent, Salary	\$3,380.00
Assist. Superintendent, salary	3,120.00
Office Supplies	367.77
Telephones	276.58
New England Water Works	47.50

Maintenance of System	277.22	
Truck expenses	328.65	
Engine fuel	1,125.95	
Freight and express	31.84	
Electricity	190.14	
Heating fuel	251.29	
Building repairs	87.60	
Tools and Hardware	172.64	
Insurance	606.93	
Elevated Tank repairs	802.50	
Bonds	10.00	
Rustop System	180.00	
Chemicals	289.75	
New Equipment	1,368.45	
Grounds and water shed	24.00	
Repair Pumps and Motors	888.50	
Legal fees	15.00	
Engineering	25.00	
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		\$13,867.31

Inventory

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1954	\$4,721.94	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1955	5,634.40	
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Increase in inventory value		\$912.46

Financial Condition of Water Department

Excess receipts over expenditures		
December 31, 1954		\$8,025.31
Excess expenditures over receipts		
December 31, 1955		1,356.37
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Water Department Balance		\$6,668.94

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. BALL, Chairman
KENNETH TURNER
THOMAS D. RENNIE

Annual Report of the Prudential Committee

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

Your Prudential Committee submits herewith its annual report for the year 1955.

At the annual Fire District meeting, Joseph H. Beecher was elected a member of the Prudential Committee for a three year term.

The Tax Rate for 1955 was \$3.80 per thousand. The present total valuation of the District is \$3,815,880.00. The steady increase in the real estate valuation of the District has helped to keep the tax rate down.

Freedom Hall was used 181 times during the year, compared with 152 times in 1954 and 139 times in 1953. The Town of Barnstable Recreation Committee continues its weekly program of dancing and basketball during the fall and winter months. The village young people use the Hall for basketball practice and games when supervised. The Hall is used regularly for weekly meetings of the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Street Light budget for 1956 calls for an increase to cover costs of additional year round lights.

The Annual Summer Band Concerts sponsored by the Town were held during the summer at Memorial Park. The large attendance was indicative of the interest and enjoyment felt at these events in our village. We wish to express our thanks for this fine entertainment.

The committee wishes to bring to the attention of the District the great improvement of the parking area at Freedom Hall.

Street Lights

Appropriated	\$2,845.00	
Expenditures	<u>2,742.80</u>	
Balance to revenue		\$102.20

Freedom Hall

Water Department, water	\$ 25.50	
Cape & Vineyard, electricity	96.90	
Ellery Jones, services	28.00	
Warren Campbell, services	324.00	
Cotuit Oil Co., fuel	478.38	
Ralph H. Patterson, insurance	189.90	
Kenneth Turner, services	82.68	
Antone J. Frazier, services	67.90	
David Chute, services	8.50	
Scudder's Service Station, supplies	4.50	
Cotuit Grocery Co., supplies	15.54	
R. A. Macomber, services	3.50	
Total Expenditures		\$1,325.30

Freedom Hall

Appropriated	\$1,600.00	
Expenditures	<u>1,325.30</u>	
Balance to revenue		\$274.70

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. SCUDDER

ROBERT F. HAYDEN

JOSEPH H. BEECHER

Annual Report of the Board of Engineers

To the Citizens of the Cotuit Fire District:

The Board of Engineers submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Our equipment remains in good condition although the cost of maintenance increases as the equipment grows older.

The Department has responded to 24 calls:

Ambulance	13
Grass and Brush	3
Building	1
Chimney	1
Flooded Burner	1
Dump	1
Electrical Appliance	2
Out of District	1
False Alarm	1

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The loss by fire was estimated to \$925.00 of which \$545.00 was covered by insurance.

During the year an ambulance was purchased which has been a great benefit to those in the District needing transportation to medical aid. The members of the Department have operated the ambulance without pay and have given of their time in attending 19 First Aid Drills under the direction of Dr. Rapp.

A Fire School running for ten weeks was conducted at the fire station with Deputy Chief Peck of Falmouth as instructor. This School was financed by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

There were 286 permits issued for open air fires, 25 for oil burner installations and 26 for bottled gas installations.

Apparatus and Equipment

Engine 1	1937—500 gallon Maxim pump
Engine 2	1940—500 gallon Maxim pump
Engine 3	1953—400 gallon tank truck
Ambulance	1947 Cadillac

Oxygen apparatus, lighting equipment, radios, body drags, hospital bed and other miscellaneous items.

Expenditures for 1955 and estimates for 1956 are as follows:

	1955	Estimate 1956	
Electricity	\$ 76.74	\$ 80.00	
Telephones	382.28	430.00	
Heat	327.69	350.00	
Insurance	614.40	850.00	
Maintenance of Fire Alarm	15.00	50.00	
Fire Alarm Attendants	615.00	615.00	
Maintenance of Equipment	250.17	350.00	
Maintenance of Station	177.81	300.00	
Supplies and Equipment	351.83	400.00	
Office	12.25	25.00	
Labor	402.00	500.00	
Chief's Car	600.00	600.00	
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Total	\$3,825.17	\$4,550.00	
Balance to Revenue	14.83		
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Appropriation	\$3,840.00		
Special Appropriations:			
Hose	\$350.00	Radio	\$500.00
Expended	350.00	Expended	499.70
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	0.00	Bal. to Revenue	\$.30
Fire Alarm	\$700.00	Generator	\$500.00
Expended	698.37	Expended	448.05
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Balance to Revenue	\$ 1.63	Bal. to Revenue	\$ 51.95

Radio	\$540.05	Ambulance	\$2,000.00
Expended	540.05	Expended	1,989.72
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	0.00	Bal. to Revenue	\$ 10.28

The Board of Engineers recommends the following items for the year 1956:

The raising of Firemen's compensation to \$1.50 per hour.

The painting of the outside trim, windows and doors at the Fire Station.

The purchase of 500 feet of fire hose.

In closing we wish to thank those who in many ways have helped the Department during the year and the public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT O. DOTTRIDGE,
Chief Engineer

ANTONE R. SOUZA
1st Asst. Engineer

F. M. GIFFORD
2nd Asst. Engineer

Cotuit Fire District Warrant

Annual Meeting, February 13, 1956

To the Clerk of the Cotuit Fire District: GREETING:

You are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable residing within the territory comprising the Cotuit Fire District qualified to vote in District elections and affairs, to meet in Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Monday, February 13, 1956, at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for one year.

Article 2. To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years, a Clerk, Treasurer, Chief Engineer, First Assistant Engineer, Second Assistant Engineer, three Auditors, all for one year and to elect any other legal officials not mentioned.

Article 3. To see if the District will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1957 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957.

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Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the District.

Article 6. To see if the District will instruct the Prudential Committee to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to audit the accounts of the District for fiscal years of 1955 and 1956.

Article 7. To receive and act upon the accounts of all persons to whom the District may be indebted.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1300.00 for salaries and expenses of the financial department for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4550.00 for the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the maintenance of the Cotuit Public Library.

Article 11. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the annual assessment to the Barnstable County Retirement System.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1800.00 for the expenses of Freedom Hall for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2900.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets of the District for the ensuing year.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the payment of water bonds and notes maturing the current year.

Article 15. To see if the District will appropriate from the receipts and revenues of the Water Department:

- (a) \$ 1,500.00 for interest on water bonds and notes
- (b) \$ 2,500.00 for the water dept. for new services
- (c) \$15,928.00 for the operating and maintenance of the water department
- (d) \$ 1,000.00 for the water dept. for extensions.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to borrow and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$75,000 for the purpose of purchase and erection of an elevated water tank, for the installation of pipe to connect same to the water system, for the purchase or taking of land by eminent domain for its location, or take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$171.96 to improve street lighting in the village center.

Article 18. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$875.00 for the purchase of fire hose.

Article 19. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$250.00 for painting at the fire station.

Article 20. To see if the District will vote to apply a sum of free cash towards the tax levy of 1956 or take any action in relation thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 21 .To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by advertising same in a newspaper printed within the Town of Barnstable seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to said meeting.

Given under our hands this 4th day of January, 1956.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Walter C. Scudder

Robert F. Hayden

Joseph H. Beecher

A True Copy Attest:
F. Maynard Gifford, Jr., Clerk.